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## Letter written to Julia Patterson from her niece, Lilly, on July 20, 1862

Lilly

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Dayton, before I burned  
the worst-like wild fire, before I burned  
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Dear Aunt  
the family.  
from your room  
your loving  
Billy

Pasadena July 20<sup>th</sup> / 62

No doubt you think  
we have been very remiss, in not  
writing before the present, be cause  
that the neglect was not in  
intention, since our arrival, it  
has been almost impossible to ex-  
change anything on account  
of the extremely warm weather,  
the recent storms have proved of  
great benefit not only in cooling  
the air but our tempers too.

On

our return home we spent seven  
days in Cincinnati and Louis-  
ville, met all of our friends, and



enjoyed ourselves, exceedingly. I was  
very anxious to lengthen my visit  
in Louisville, as my acquaintances are  
quite numerous there, but Papa would  
for us to hasten home, so he found  
keeping Bachelor's Hall very thing but  
an agreeable task. Maria was much  
disappointed, at not seeing her  
niece as we expected, she left the  
city a few days previous, to spend  
the summer at their country  
residence about sixty miles dis-  
tant. However her father called  
and promised us, that she  
should pass the winter in  
Paducah. Hebe is anticipating  
a delightful time when she comes.  
I regret that I will not be at home  
to participate in their enjoyment  
and long for the time to come when  
I too shall be free from all school  
duties, that hour I will hail  
with delight.



We see from the papers  
that the crops this season are  
not so fine as usual in "Ire"  
but judging from the appear-  
ance they present here, I think  
it must be a mistake, for the  
barns in our neighborhood  
will be overflowing.

Morgan's  
appearance in Kentucky, has  
created great excitement among  
the Federalists stationed <sup>here</sup> <sub>v. a</sub> <sup>near</sup>  
-near reached us yesterday  
that he would attack Becher-  
-ch last night, this proved a  
mistake as he is in the north-  
-ern part of the state, if he  
should attempt to take  
this place very little resistance  
would be offered as the mili-  
-tary force has been reduced  
to only one or two hundred.



Tell John and Ashley I feel very  
uneasy, fearing this warm  
weather will prove injurious  
to their delicate constitutions  
if they are as indisposed now  
as other we were with you.

Dick frequently speaks of little  
India, I think she succeeded  
in cutting out all of his sweet-  
hearts there, they endeavor to  
win him back by sending  
bouquets and other love tokens  
but in vain he is ever con-  
stant to your little beauty.  
He sends his photograph and  
hopes ere long to receive  
hers in return. I expect  
Kate thinks I have forgotten  
to send mine to her, but  
I will keep my promise,  
I had some taken in Cin-  
cinnati as we passed through  
interesting to send two to